of Member (Energy), Planning Commission on 12th August, 2004 to prepare an integrated energy policy. The draft report has been put up on the Planning Commission's website and presented in serveral fora for inviting comments. No budgetary allocation has been made for the year 2006-07 in this regard.

Facilities for the displaced persons

†1860. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in accordance with the agreement reached following the acquisition of land from Himachal Pradesh for construction of Bhakra Dam in the year 1948, a fair chunk of money provided by the Central Government for the welfare of displaced people was not spent for the welfare work such as construction of streets, bridges and roads, providing potable water, etc., as a result, the displaced people are forced to live in abject poverty to date; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to provide facilities for the welfare of the displaced persons in the wake of granting full State-hood to Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The land for Bhakra Dam Project was acquired as per the provisions of Land Acquisition Act, 1994 and the compensation was paid for land, houses, trees etc. and other submerged property by the Bhakra Dam Administration. Bhakra Rehabilitation Committee was constituted by the project planners to advise on matters of resettlement of oustees. All the oustees were settled in accordance with guidelines framed by the Committee.

Regarding construction of roads, bridges etc. in lieu of those submerged in the reservoir, the project administration has paid its 50% share *i.e.* a sum of Rs. 45.82 lakh in the early sixties to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as per the decision of the Inter-Departmental Group taken in its meeting held on 28.04.1959. Apart from this, a sum of Rs. 3.49 lakh was also paid in the eighties to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on account of construction of path around Bhakra Dam Reservoir. In addition, project authorities have provided water for drinking and irrigation purposes, free of cost and have also undertaken drinking water schemes.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.